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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DETENTION OF JAIME LOKMAN (90/77/9)

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
DETENTION CASE OF MR. JAIME LOKMAN, IN WHICH YOU
EXPRESSED AN INTEREST. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE MADE SIMILAR
INQUIRIES.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
RIGHTS HAS RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT MR. LOKMAN'S
REQUEST TO LEAVE ARGENTINA UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONAL
"RIGHT OF OPTION" PROCEDURE WAS DENIED IN
NOVEMBER OF 1978. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT
POLICY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, A DETAINEE
MUST WAIT SIX MONTHS BEFORE AGAIN REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA UNDER THE RIGHT
OF OPTION.

3. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1978, THE LOKMAN FAMILY
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OBTAINED A FEDERAL COURT ORDER FORBIDDING THE THIRD
ARMY CORP FROM CONTINUING TO HOLD MR. LOKMAN
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CONTROL OF THE ARMY'S 3RD CORP HAVE BEEN ALLOWED ONLY ONE VISIT FROM THEIR FAMILIES EACH YEAR AND NO MAIL PRIVILAGES.) MR. LOKMAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED ON DECEMBER 29 FROM CORDOBA TO THE FEDERAL PRISON AT SIERRA CHICA IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. MR. LOKMAN HAS BEEN VISITED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS OLDEST SON.

4. WE EXPRESSED UNITED STATES INTEREST IN MR. LIKMAN'S CASE TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY ON JANUARY 10. THAT OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE AT PRESENT TO FACILITATE MR. LOKMAN'S RELEASE. WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LOKMAN FAMILY, WHOSE MEMBERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS ABOUT OBTAINING PERMISSION FOR MR. LOKMAN TO LEAVE ARGENTINA.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

6. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.

7. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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